

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 1, 7, 8, 15 through 17, 20 and 21.

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2. (Amended) A resilient clip for use in securing a first member to a second member, the resilient clip comprising:

a flange portion having an aperture, the aperture adapted to receive a threaded fastener to couple the second member to the flange portion;

an insertion portion configured to be inserted into a hole formed into the first member, the insertion portion being coupled to the flange portion; and

a retaining portion coupled to the insertion portion and having first and second wing members, the first wing member being twisted about a first axis in a first direction, the second wing member being twisted about a second axis in the first direction, each of the first and second wing members terminating at a tip portion, the tip portion of the first wing member and the tip portion of the second wing member being configured to co-engage the first member;

wherein each of the first and second axes are generally parallel a longitudinal axis of the retaining portion; and

wherein each of the tip portions is angled such that a lateral end of an associated one of the first and second wing members extends above an opposite lateral end of the associated one of the first and second wing members.

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9. (Twice Amended) A resilient clip for use in securing a first member to a second member, the resilient clip comprising:

a flange portion having an aperture, the aperture adapted to receive a threaded fastener to couple the second member to the flange portion;

an insertion portion configured to be inserted into a hole formed into the first member, the insertion portion being coupled to the flange portion; and

B2 a retaining portion coupled to the insertion portion and having first and second wing members, the first wing member being twisted about a first axis in a first direction, the second wing member being twisted about a second axis in the first direction, each of the first and second wing members terminating at a tip portion the tip portion of the first wing member and the tip portion of the second wing member being configured to co-engage the first member;

wherein each of the first and second axes are generally parallel a longitudinal axis of the retaining portion; and

wherein the retaining portion includes first and second abutting flanges having a base that is spaced vertically apart from the first and second wing members, respectively, each of the bases of the first and second abutting flanges being configured to abut a surface of the first member opposite a surface into which the first and second wing members, respectively, are engaged.

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12. (Amended) A resilient clip for use in securing a first member to a second member, the resilient clip comprising:

a flange portion having an aperture, the aperture adapted to receive a threaded fastener to couple the second member to the flange portion;

an insertion portion configured to be inserted into a hole formed into the first member, the insertion portion being coupled to the flange portion; and

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a retaining portion coupled to the insertion portion and having first and second wing members, the first wing member being twisted about a first axis in a first direction, the second wing member being twisted about a second axis in the first direction, each of the first and second wing members terminating at a tip portion the tip portion of the first wing member and the tip portion of the second wing member being configured to co-engage the first member;

wherein each of the first and second axes are generally parallel a longitudinal axis of the retaining portion; and

wherein the insertion portion is defined by a pair of flanges that are spaced apart about a central axis of the resilient clip, each of the flanges having a first portion, a second portion and a third portion, the first portion being coupled to the flange portion and tapering inwardly toward the central axis and downwardly from the flange portion, the second portion being coupled to an end of the first portion opposite the flange portion and extending downwardly therefrom generally parallel the central axis, the third portion being coupled to an end of the second portion opposite the first portion and tapering outwardly away from the central axis and upwardly toward the flange portion.

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18. (Amended) A resilient clip for use in securing a first member to a second member, the resilient clip comprising:

a flange portion having an aperture, the aperture adapted to receive a threaded fastener to couple the second member to the flange portion;

an insertion portion configured to be inserted into a hole formed into the first member, the insertion portion being coupled to the flange portion;

B4 a retaining portion coupled to the insertion portion and having first and second wing members, the first wing member being twisted about a first axis in a first direction, the second wing member being twisted about a second axis in the first direction, each of the first and second wing members terminating at a tip portion the tip portion of the first wing member and the tip portion of the second wing member being configured to co-engage the first member;

a spacing structure having first and second flange members, the first flange member being coupled to the flange portion, the second flange member being coupled to an outer edge of the first flange member and tapering downwardly toward the retaining portion and outwardly from the flange portion;

wherein each of the first and second axes are generally parallel a longitudinal axis of the retaining portion; and

wherein the spacing structure further includes a coupling member that engages and fixedly couples the flange portion to the spacing structure.

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~~22. (Amended) A resilient clip for use in securing a first member to a second member, the resilient clip comprising:~~

~~a flange portion having an aperture, the aperture adapted to receive a threaded fastener to couple the second member to the flange portion;~~

~~an insertion portion configured to be inserted into a hole formed into the first member, the insertion portion being coupled to the flange portion;~~

~~a retaining portion coupled to the insertion portion and having first and second wing members, the first wing member being twisted about a first axis in a first direction, the second wing member being twisted about a second axis in the first direction, each of the first and second wing members terminating at a tip portion the tip portion of the first wing member and the tip portion of the second wing member being configured to co-engage the first member;~~

~~a spacing structure having first and second flange members, the first flange member being coupled to the flange portion, the second flange member being coupled to an outer edge of the first flange member and tapering downwardly toward the retaining portion and outwardly from the flange portion;~~

~~wherein each of the first and second axes are generally parallel a longitudinal axis of the retaining portion; and~~

~~wherein the first flange member includes a recessed cavity sized to receive and locate the flange portion.~~

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23. (Twice Amended) A resilient clip for engaging a structure, the resilient clip comprising:

a body portion having a pair of flanges, a pair of wing members and a pair of abutting members, each of the wing members having a base portion coupled to an associated one of the flanges, a first one of the wing members being twisted about a first axis in a first direction, a second one of the wing members being twisted about a second axis in the first direction, each of the wing members terminating at a tip portion that is angled downwardly toward the base portion, the tip portion of the wing members being configured to co-engage a first side of the structure and position a second side of the structure against the abutting members.

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28. (Amended) In combination, a resilient clip for engaging a structure, the resilient clip comprising a body portion for insertion downwardly into a hole formed in the structure, the body portion including a plurality of wing members, each of the wing members having a base portion and terminating at a tip portion that is angled downwardly toward the base portion, each of the tip portions being twisted about an axis such that an inwardly twisted end of the tip portion is positioned below an outwardly twisted end of the tip portion, the plurality of wing members cooperating with the structure to provide the resilient clip with a ratio of insertion force to pull-out force of about 0.04 to about 0.12.

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41. ~~(Twice Amended)~~ A resilient clip for use in securing a first member to a second member, the resilient clip comprising:

a flange portion having an aperture, the aperture adapted to receive a threaded fastener to couple the second member to the flange portion;

B8 an insertion portion configured to be inserted into a hole formed into the first member, the insertion portion being coupled to the flange portion; and

a retaining portion coupled to the insertion portion and having at least three wing members, each of the wing members being twisted about an associated axis and terminating at a downwardly angled tip portion, each tip portion being configured to co-engage the first member.

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46. ~~(Amended) A resilient clip for engaging a structure, the resilient clip comprising:~~

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a body portion having a pair of flanges and four wing members, each of the wing members having a base portion coupled to an associated one of the flanges, a first one of the wing members coupled to a first one of the flanges and being twisted about a first axis in a first direction, a second one of the wing members coupled to the first one of the flanges and being twisted about a second axis in a second direction opposite the first direction, a third one of the wing members coupled to a second one of the flanges and being twisted about a third axis in the first direction, a fourth one of the wing members coupled to the second one of the flanges and being twisted about a fourth axis in the second direction opposite the first direction, each of the wing members terminating at a tip portion that is angled downwardly toward the base portion, the tip portions being configured to engage a first side of the structure to secure the resilient clip to the structure.

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49. (Twice Amended) A resilient clip for engaging a first structure to a second structure, the resilient clip comprising:

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a body portion having a pair of flanges and first and second wing members, each of the wing members having a base portion coupled to an associated one of the flanges, the first wing member being twisted about a first axis in a first direction, the second wing member being twisted about a second axis in the first direction, each of the wing members terminating at a tip portion that is angled downwardly toward the base portion, the tip portions being configured to engage a first side of the first structure to secure the resilient clip to the second structure.

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53. ~~(Amended) In combination, a resilient clip for coupling a first structure~~

to a second structure, the first structure including a fastening tab, the second structure including a clip aperture, the resilient clip including a body portion and an engagement portion, the body portion having a pair of flanges and first and second wing members, each of the wing members having a base portion coupled to an associated one of the flanges, the first wing member being twisted about a first axis in a first direction, the second wing member being twisted about a second axis in the first direction, each of the wing members terminating at a tip portion that is angled downwardly toward the base portion, the tip portions being configured to engage a first side of the structure to secure the resilient clip to the second structure, the engagement portion having a plurality of teeth that extend inwardly toward the central axis of the body portion and downwardly toward the base portions of the wing members, the plurality of teeth being configured for engaging the first structure.

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57. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 2, wherein each of the first and second wing members further includes a base portion that is fixedly coupled to the insertion portion, the first and second wing members being twisted such that their tips portions are twisted relative to their base portion by an angle of about 5° to about 45°.

58. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 57, wherein the angle is about 30°.

59. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 2, further including a spacing structure having first and second flange members, the first flange member being coupled to the flange portion, the second flange member being coupled to an outer edge of the first flange member and tapering downwardly toward the retaining portion and outwardly from the flange portion.

60. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 59, wherein the spacing structure is formed from a resilient material.

61. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 60, wherein the resilient material is plastic.

62. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 59, wherein the first flange member is circular in shape.

63. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 59, wherein the second flange member extends entirely around a perimeter of the first flange member.

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64. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 23, wherein a lateral end of each tip portion includes a first lateral end and a second lateral end opposite the first lateral end, the first lateral end being nearest a central axis of the body portion and extending vertically above the second lateral end.

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65. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 46, wherein a lateral end of each tip portion includes a first lateral end and a second lateral end opposite the first lateral end, the first lateral end being nearest a central axis of the body portion and extending vertically above the second lateral end.

66. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 49, wherein each of the tip portions is twisted about an axis such that an inwardly twisted end of each tip portion is positioned above an outwardly twisted end of each tip portion.

67. (New) The resilient clip of Claim 53, wherein each of the tip portions is twisted about an axis such that an inwardly twisted end of each tip portion is positioned above an outwardly twisted end of each tip portion.